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Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Invention of Group I including claims 1-6 in the reply filed on 4/10/2007 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 7-11 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected Group II, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made without traverse in the reply filed on 2/14/2007.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: # 54 of Fig 2. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 & 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Block et al. (US 5576591).

Regarding claims 1 & 6, Block et al. discloses a protected high intensity discharge lamp (see Fig 1) having an arc tube (2) mounted in an outer envelope (1) comprising a translucent pocket (bursting guard 5) formed to fit over the outer envelope (1) of the lamp, the translucent pocket being constructed of a fine mesh having strength sufficient to retain any shard from the lamp in the event of an arc tube burst (lines 6-30 of column 4).

Claims 1-2 & 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by White et al. (US 4,721,876).

Regarding claims 1-2 & 5-6, white et al. discloses a protected high intensity discharge lamp (Fig 3) containing an arc tube (24) within an outer envelope (shield 1) comprising a translucent pocket (wire mesh 4) formed to fit over the outer envelope (1), the translucent pocket being constructed of a fine mesh having strength sufficient to retain any shard from the lamp in the event of an arc tube burst (lines 9-43 of column 3), the fine mesh is formed of stainless steel (line 5 of column 5), and a clamp (5) to secure the metal mesh to the outer envelope 1 (lines 17-20 of column 3).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Block et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of White et al. (US 4721876).

Regarding claims 2-4, Block et al. discloses all the limitations of claims 2-3 including the mesh is formed of a wire of *high melting material* having a diameter less than 0.0012 inch (lines 11-14 of column 3) but did not specifically mentioned stainless steel as the material for the mesh and 50 mesh per inch.

However, White discloses stainless steel material for forming the mesh as the burst protecting means, which is *one of the high melting materials* used for making the mesh.

Thus it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use stainless steel for making the mess of Block's device since selection of known material for known purposes is within the skill of art.

Further though either Block et al. or White et al. fail to teach 50 mesh per inch, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to optimize the mesh structure to 50 mesh per inch depending on the operating temperature of the lamp since it has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result, effective variable

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involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Boesch*, 617 F.2d 272, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karabi Guharay whose telephone number is 571-272-2452. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimeshkumar D. Patel can be reached on 571-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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